

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 21, 2005

Present: Corey, Mehigh, Jessen, Spring, Wagner, Hall.

Absent: None.

Guests: Joe Sawyer, City Manager; Mike Sarrazin; Bob Ockerman; Helen Granger, The Independent; Judy Horton; Janet Washburn, Parks & Recreation Director; Merilee Lawson, Assessor/Planner; Tim Crawford, Superintendent of Public Works; Keith & Diane Johnson; Gene & Shirley Sanderson; Chief Scott Johnson, Fire Department; Alan Ranter, Abraham & Gaffney; Cheryll Warren, The Argus Press; David Hall; David Hall, Jr.; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by City Clerk Nichole Cowdrey at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Cowdrey gave the Oath of Office to Steve Corey, Dan Wagner, Charles Spring, Arnie Jessen and Nina Hall.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Wagner moved, Mehigh seconded to approve the previous regular meeting minutes dated November 7, 2005 as presented
Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Spring, Wagner, Hall, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Mehigh moved, Spring seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the deletion of the Resolution to Approve Vendor Disbursements.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Spring, Wagner, Hall, Mehigh, Jessen.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Gene Sanderson, 609 S. Shiawassee Street, stated he did not know how many applications the city received to fill Larry Runyan's position but he would highly recommend that the council consider Dawn Johnson to fill Mr. Runyan's position.

Tim Crawford stated he wanted to thank all of the people who helped with the water main break on Hastings Street. He thanked Steve Corey for his help, Keith & Diane Johnson for allowing the department of public works to use their front porch to get out of the weather, for making coffee, and for the use of their electrical power when the city's generator quit working, Joe & Tami Sawyer for bringing pizza and coffee, Brian & Dawn Johnson for bringing one of the fire truck pumpers to help pump out the water out of the hole, Shauna Bayless for bringing down food the next day, Mike Sarrazin for offering one of his pumps

if it was needed, Keith Bailey for bringing down the light truck and the fire department in general for the use of their equipment. Mr. Crawford thanked Gary Burk and Duane Gunther from the City of Owosso for bringing over a three-inch pump, which was really appreciated because they did not have to do that plus they stayed for quite awhile to see if there was anything else they could do to help. Mr. Crawford thanked Mark & Doug from Perrin Construction, who just happened to drive by and brought over a backhoe with an asphalt breaker because the asphalt on Hastings Street was 16 to 18 inches thick in certain places. Mr. Crawford thanked Corunna Public Schools for their understanding about having no water at the Elsa Meyer School and for their patience in getting their busses in and out of the area. Mr. Crawford also thanked the department of public works crew for hanging in there and doing what they needed to do to get the job done right. Mayor Corey stated Mr. Crawford did not thank himself because there are not a lot of supervisors that would go into a hole with waist deep water. Mayor Corey thanked everyone for their help and advised the city has something to be proud of.

Bob Ockerman, 446 E. Oliver Street, congratulated the council members for agreeing to serve on the council. These people should be commended for agreeing to serve no matter who agrees or disagrees with them. Mr. Ockerman stated it is more important on how these people will serve. The fundamental thing that he found when he sat on the council was that people seem to forget why they were elected. He further stated these people are not supposed to sit there and be self-serving but were elected to represent the people and he hopes the council will keep looking in the mirror to make sure they do not get too big for the people they were elected to serve. He also stated the tax and spend policy in this country as well as in this city frustrates him. The city was in jeopardy when he got on the council and when he left, there was a lot of money but the city is back to the same spot today and that saddens him. Mr. Ockerman advised the city council has done a lot but they have also spent a lot and the council cannot keep doing that. He further advised he would like to give a little budget lesson if Ms. Hall is interested. The way a city government does their budget is by taking what the income might be, which the council knows what it is, and the expenditures become the budget. An individual or industry cannot operate this way but that is how the government operates. If the budget is not watched, it will go over and instead of adding to the fund balance each year, it goes backwards, which the city has done for the last four years. He also advised if the budget is \$1.5 million then you take 20 percent of that amount and that is your minimum fund balance, which would be \$300,000. Mr. Ockerman explained taxes only come in twice a year and the city currently has \$306,000 and if this does not scare you, it should. The fund balance was below the minimum when he first arrived eight years ago and the city is back to the minimum today. He further explained the only way to raise that is by raising taxes and the city council has tried many times to do that. For those who may not know, the operating millage for this city is 13.3 mills, the water/sewer program, which is a 20-year program, is at 4.83 mills, and the library millage is .5 mills, which totals 18.63 mills that people pay and this does not include the \$25 ambulance fee or the SATA millage. He also explained the one thing he disagreed with four years ago and it was eliminated but now it is back is pre-council. He asked why it was reinstated because all he ever found out at pre-council was that it was pre-press and he still believes this today. If the city has nothing to hide, then why is there a pre-council because the press does not arrive until 7:00 p.m. and this makes him very

distrustful. Mr. Ockerman stated the city no longer shovels sidewalks, which was done for 50 years, and the city has more manpower and equipment now than it did and this puts the burden on the citizens. He further stated the city asked the people to override the Headlee Amendment, but eight out of ten people in Corunna said no so what did the council do, they put it back on the ballot the next year. The library asked for one-half mill for the library and they got it but the city council paid for the library out of the operating millage so the city council got some more money to spend as they wished and the people got another tax increase. He also stated the city spent \$200,000 for the library and another \$200,000 for renovations but he keeps hearing that the money was taken out of the library building fund but the people paid for the library building fund. The city spent \$250,000 for land acquisitions, \$50,000 to \$100,000 to renovate the Strawsine building and roughly \$600,000 in matching grant money, which totals \$1,350,000. The city sold the old library building and got \$95,000, which is less than the city should have but thanks to Mr. Sawyer, the city got \$600,000 for the Strawsine building. However, this money is dedicated for another industrial complex, which Perry, Owosso, and Ovid all have but no one is going to see the manufacturing in this country like there has been in the past. Mr. Ockerman advised he spoke to Mr. Sawyer and the best estimate he received was that it will cost \$5,000,000 to develop the new ground and the people are going to pay for that. He did not feel the city is going down the right track and the council should watch how it spends money. Mayor Corey stated he would like to address a couple things. The press is usually here at 6:30 p.m. and the pre-council meeting is not held to hide anything as Mr. Ockerman suggested. Pre-council is held to take care of calendar items and other items that does not require council action and it is open to the public. Mayor Corey further stated the city council has gone to zero based budgeting for the last two years so Mr. Ockerman's analysis of just getting a pot and dividing it up is not correct. The people voted in the library millage, which was not done by the city council. Mayor Corey also stated he did not know where Mr. Ockerman came up with the \$5,000,000 figure for the industrial complex but the city is looking at spending about \$1,000,000 to get utilities to that property. Mayor Corey advised whether there is industry in this city or not, everybody needs industry. The city has an option to do nothing or it can try to move forward and he believes it is the position of this council to move forward so that the city is not broken apart and the children who wish to stay here have an opportunity to work and live here.

David Hall, Jr. asked if the city has been approached by an industry that is interested in coming to Corunna so it would be worth spending that \$1,000,000 on or if this is something that the city will spend money on and then hope that somebody will come here. Mayor Corey advised when an industry is ready to come and there is no land or utilities then that industry will move somewhere else. Mr. Hall stated he understood that but he wanted to know if anybody on the council or at city hall has been approached by an industry interested in coming here. If an industry is interested in growing, that industry is looking for a community they might want to expand into. Mayor Corey advised the city has spoken to a couple of people who are interested in relocating here but the city does not have any facilities available. Merilee Lawson stated North American Air as well as another industry told her that they wish the city had property available because they would be here. Mr. Hall stated it is great that the city is looking to the future and encouraged the council to put that out to the people before it even happens. He further stated the city

should not put something in the paper because 90 percent of big business does not look at a paper. They want someone to come and tell them what the city has to offer way before the opportunity exists.

Keith Johnson, 211 Hastings Street, thanked the new council members for making a commitment and advised for the most part it is a thankless task but if the new members remember that service to humanity is the best work of life, it will probably make it a little easier to do. He thanked Gene Sanderson for the time he spent on the council. There were times when he and Mr. Sanderson were at odds politically but he always believed that Mr. Sanderson's interest for a better community never wavered and his service did make a difference. Mr. Johnson stated he hopes that type of service will continue. He reminded the new council that they are only here as an extension of the citizenry. A citizen will very seldom call with a problem but a council members name will come up often at the barbershop, coffee shop, or over the backyard fences in the neighborhood. He further reminded the council if they want to know what the heart of Main Street is then they better be down on Main Street and they need to remember that sometimes it is the smallest problem that can get out of hand and the hardest to handle on their own. He stated Mr. Ockerman's voice here tonight about budget figures are mind boggling for the laymen and he encouraged the new council to use the city manager because he is their greatest tool. He is the key to the city's growth and development, assets and deficits, and good will and ill will. He further stated the council's role is to set policies and not enforce them and he encouraged the council not to cross that line. Mr. Johnson advised he wanted to thank the department of public works employees for working under some very adverse conditions during the water main break. He had the privilege to witness a very fine piece of teamwork starting with the city manager and his wife, the mayor, Brian and Dawn Johnson, the crew from Owosso and some he has not mentioned. He further advised he had the very best seat in the house from his front window and he wished every taxpayer in the City of Corunna could have witnessed that event. It was a fine example of individual and teamwork ethics and the city council should be very proud of every worker who was there that night and so should everybody in Corunna because everyone did a good job and he appreciates it.

Scott Johnson thanked Keith and Diane Johnson for sweeping the leaves off of the street in front of the businesses before the Veterans Day Parade.

AUDIT PRESENTATION: Alan Ranter from Abraham & Gaffney reviewed the city's audit with the city council and advised the audit went really well this year. The city received an unqualified and clean opinion, which is the best possible opinion the city can get. He stated the city has an unreserved and undesignated General Fund Balance in the amount of \$318,892, which is the amount available for future expenditures. The one question he is often asked is how much of a fund balance a city should have and the rule of thumb is to have a 15 to 18 percent fund balance and the city has a 20 percent fund balance, which is right where the city should be in terms of a fund balance. Mayor Corey stated there was a gentleman present who was concerned about the city's fund balance and asked if there was some sort of benefit in having a 30 or 40 percent fund balance. Mr. Ranter advised it depends on what the city plans to do with the money. He has seen other entities have that

kind of fund equity because there is a park or sidewalk project that they plan to use the money on. He further advised usually that much of a fund balance indicates there is some kind of capital project being planned but for operational purposes the city is fine. He also advised there is an account that the fire department has that is used for capital purchases and it was his understanding that a Thermal Imaging Camera was purchased with that account, which was good but the problem is that money needs to be in the custody of the city treasurer and used under the supervision of the city council and the fire board and that is not happening. The city needs to adopt a policy for the proper use of that account. Wagner moved, Spring seconded to accept the audit from Abraham & Gaffney as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Hall, Mehig, Jessen, Spring.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER VACANT COUNCIL SEAT APPOINTMENT: Mayor Corey asked how many applications the city received. Mr. Sawyer advised to his knowledge the city did not receive any other applications other than the original application from Ms. Johnson. Mehig moved, Jessen seconded to fill the vacant council seat of Larry Runyan with Dawn Johnson for the remaining two-year term.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Hall, Mehig, Jessen, Spring.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

The city clerk gave the Oath of Office to Ms. Johnson and she took a seat at the council table.

CONSIDER COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE: Mr. Sawyer reviewed the changes in the Council Rules of Procedure. Johnson moved, Spring seconded to accept the Council Rules of Procedure with the changes as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Hall, Mehig, Jessen, Spring, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF ARNIE JESSEN FROM CORUNNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA) AND CORUNNA BOARD OF REVIEW (BOR): Mehig moved, Johnson seconded to accept the resignation of Arnie Jessen from the Corunna Zoning Board of Appeals and the Corunna Board of Review with regret.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Johnson, Wagner, Mehig, Hall, Spring.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM: Jessen moved, Johnson seconded to elect Don Mehig as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hall, Jessen, Wagner, Spring, Mehig, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS: Wagner moved, Jessen seconded to approve the following mayoral appointments as presented:

Dan Wagner (four year) – Corunna City Building Commission (Building Authority)

Charles Spring (two year) – Forest Management Commission

Nina Hall (four year) – Shiawassee Airport Board

Arnie Jessen (four year) – Shiawassee Airport Board Alternate

Don Mehig (two year) & Arnie Jessen (four year) – Corunna Area Ambulance Board

Dawn Johnson (two year) – Economic Development Fund Board

Don Mehig (two year) & Dan Wagner (four year) – Fire Board

Joe Sawyer – Wastewater Treatment Board

Tim Crawford – Wastewater Treatment Board Alternate

Charles Spring (four year) & Steve Corey (two year) – SATA Board of Directors

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hall, Wagner, Mehig, Jessen, Spring, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS: Wagner moved, Spring seconded to appoint Dawn Johnson as the councilperson representative on the Planning Commission.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehig, Jessen, Spring, Hall, Johnson, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION OF LONG TERM INDEPENDENCE COMMITTEE:

Mike Sarrazin stated the committee has worked diligently to try and come up with a short-term solution for a long-term problem. The committee unanimously agreed at the last meeting that it would be in the best interest of the city to pursue financial gains through industrial and commercial development for the community. He further stated the committee also agreed that it would be best to create a new committee that could make decisions along those lines. A 20-year plan should be adopted by the city and continuously updated by that new committee to assure continued growth for the community and a stable tax base. He also stated there is no sure shot of getting more revenue unless there is economic development in the city. Every time there was discussion about a Headlee override or a city income tax it was unanimously defeated because everyone on the Long Term Independence Committee was adamantly against taxes and the taxpayers in the city have said no to more taxes. Mr. Sarrazin advised the committee has

come to the conclusion that the city council will have to come up with a different way to find new funds. Mayor Corey advised Mr. Sarrazin that he has done a stellar job leading the committee and he thanked him for that. Councilperson Mehigh stated he felt it was unanimous that the whole council also wanted to thank Mr. Sarrazin. Councilperson Spring advised he had the opportunity to sit in on some of the meetings and the way Mr. Sarrazin organized a meeting without a subject was amazing. Mr. Sawyer stated the appropriate motion based on the Long Term Independence Committee's recommendation letter is to instruct the city manager to prepare an ordinance consistent with the committee's recommendation. Mayor Corey asked if there would be a public hearing. Mr. Sawyer advised yes. Councilperson Spring stated he would like to make sure the new committee is not named the Budget Advisory Committee and hopes that Mr. Sarrazin will be a part of the new organization. Mehigh moved, Wagner seconded to instruct the city manager to bring forth a draft ordinance to the council that is consistent with the recommendation of the Long Term Independence Committee and to accept their letter of recommendation.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Spring, Mehigh, Jessen, Johnson, Wagner, Hall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE TROWBRIDGE TO THE CORUNNA FOURTH OF JULY COMMISSION:

Johnson moved, Hall seconded to appoint Michelle Trowbridge to the Corunna Fourth of July Commission to serve at the pleasure of the council for an indefinite term effective immediately.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hall, Mehigh, Jessen, Spring, Johnson, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FOR M-71 PUMP STATION & SEWER FORCE

MAIN: Mr. Sawyer advised the city has been working with the Michigan National Guard Armory, Corunna Public Schools and the Shiawassee County Road Commission in trying to bring sewer out to the West Corunna Avenue area. This proposal will replace the existing grinding pump station with a fully engineered commercial lift station and the total cost of this project is \$207,450. The new armory will pay \$85,650, Corunna Public Schools will pay \$34,150, the City of Corunna will pay \$44,500, and the road commission will pay \$43,150 of the costs of the project. He also advised council is being asked to approve the engineering contract with Capital Consultants in the amount of \$28,750 plus \$1,500 for material testing. The city is still working on formal agreements with the road commission, Corunna Public Schools and the armory. Mr. Sawyer stated the new pump station would have the capacity to service everything down to the city limits as well as up Legion Road if the city wants to go in that direction. However, this will not get sewer to anyone west of the road commission property so a secondary project would have to be done to put in a gravity feed. He further stated the city would have to apply for a permit with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to expand its sewer system. The armory anticipates to being open and operating by September of 2006. Councilperson

Mehigh asked where this project would tie into the city's sewer system. Mr. Sawyer advised it would tie into the existing line on the north side of Corunna Avenue that currently ends in front of the old Moffit house. Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to accept the engineering proposal from Capital Consultants for the M-71 pump station and sanitary sewer force main in the amount of \$28,750 plus \$1,500 for material testing.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Spring, Johnson, Hall, Wagner, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESOLUTION OF DETERMINATION BY THE CEMETERY BOARD OF

TRUSTEES: Mr. Crawford advised Shauna Bayless has gone through the files and found 18 people who were purchasing cemetery graves but had not paid on them for quite some time. The cemetery board did some checking to see if anything could be done about this and found out that there is a seven-step process that has to be done before the city can take back the cemetery graves. He further advised letters were sent to those 18 people and 14 of these people have either entered into a 12-month payment agreement or paid in full. Out of the remaining four people, it looks like two of them are deceased, one moved out of state and one still lives in town. He also advised the next step is to send a certified letter to the last known address the city has on file and if there is no response within 30 days, the city will go to circuit court. A notice has to be published in the paper for three weeks in a row and once this is complete, a hearing is held with the circuit court judge who can recommend the forfeiting or termination of those graves. The people will have 60 days from that time to resolve the situation and if the city does not hear from them after two years from that court date, the graves revert back to the city and can be resold. Mr. Sawyer advised the graves are unopened and empty in case anyone was wondering. Mehigh moved, Johnson seconded to accept the following Resolution of Determination by the Cemetery Board of Trustees, Corunna, Michigan dated November 10, 2005:

RESOLUTION OF DETERMINATION BY THE CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CORUNNA, MICHIGAN

At the November Meeting of the City of Corunna "CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES" held on the 10th day of November, 2005.

A **RESOLUTION** was made by Board Member Boursmith, and seconded by Board Member Volek that after a full report by Board Secretary Shauna Bayless, the following "PINE TREE CEMETERY", Corunna, Michigan, LOT OWNERS were found and determined to be in violation of Corunna City Code Chapter 26, Section 26-11, and MCL 128.12 by failing and neglecting for a period of seven (7) years or more to care for, maintain and pay for the following unoccupied space(s) and/or lot(s) and pay for any annual care thereof, and as a result of such "DETERMINATION", the Corunna "CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES" determines to terminate and forfeit the following owner's rights and interest in the following burial space(s), to-wit:

<u>Name and Last Known Address</u>	<u>Grave Location</u>	<u>Amount Owed</u>	<u>Last Payment</u>
William & Joyce Bridges 302 E. State St. Corunna, MI 48817	New North East Lot 4, Grave 2 & 3	\$270.00	1992
Tamara Marble 409 W. McArthur St. Corunna, MI 48817	New North East Lot 141, Grave 5	\$150.00	1993
Ginger Moiles	New North East Lot 127, Grave 6	\$300.00	1997
Floyd Serr	New North East Lot 52, Graves 3 & 4	\$320.00	1991

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Hall, Jessen, Mehig, Johnson, Wagner, Spring.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Merilee Lawson thanked Gene Sanderson for serving on the council and advised it has been really great working with him and she hopes he will volunteer to serve on some of the commissions. She welcomed Nina Hall and Arnie Jessen to the city council board.

Gene Sanderson stated he really enjoyed his four years on the council and for everything the council accomplished while he was on it because many people have thanked him for doing an outstanding job. He thanked Janet Washburn and advised now that he is gone the Community Center is safe and Tim Crawford and his crew for doing outstanding work. Many people have told him they continue to do a great job and he has told people that when they see two city employees in a truck they are either going to a job or coming back from one so do not worry about it. He further thanked Councilpersons Johnson, Wagner, Spring, Mehig and Jessen and Mayor Corey for serving on the council with him. Mr.

Sanderson also thanked Mr. Sawyer because he has put together a team that can match any team in the State of Michigan. Mr. Sanderson reminded the original members of the council to keep their eyes and ears open and wished them good luck.

Janet Washburn encouraged everyone to come to the Parade of Lights because there is going to be something very special that night.

Judy Horton stated the community center would be locked during the Parade of Lights

because she and Ms. Washburn are going down to see the Parade of Lights this year.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Councilperson Mehig advised the ambulance service is having its Christmas dinner on December 11 at Roma's in Owosso. A cash bar cocktail hour will be held at 1:00 p.m. and dinner will start at 2:00 p.m. He further advised the council, mayor and department heads are invited to attend.

Councilperson Jessen stated he is glad to be back on the council and looks forward to working with everyone again. He thanked Mr. Sanderson for doing a good job all these years.

Councilperson Spring asked if the Corunna-Detroit Society picture was ready to be put on the website because he has had people ask him about it. Mr. Sawyer advised no. Judy Horton advised Dick Waters has the picture and he is getting it ready to be put on the website but she will check with him to see when it will be ready. Councilperson Spring asked Mr. Sawyer when the company would be finishing the sidewalks and when the sidewalk would be put in for the handicapped lady that he talked to him about. Mr. Sawyer advised he has not heard back from Mr. Dorff yet. Councilperson Spring stated he would like to get that sidewalk done for her. Mr. Sawyer stated maybe the city should look at another recourse. The main issue is getting the curb cut and Mr. Dorff was going to do that for the city. The city has volunteers to do the concrete.

Councilperson Wagner welcomed Councilpersons Jessen, Hall and Johnson to the council. He thanked Mr. Sanderson for serving on the council.

Councilperson Johnson thanked Mr. Sanderson for the kind words and advised she would miss him on the council. She further advised she was glad to be back on the council and welcomed Councilpersons Jessen and Hall to the council. She also advised everyone has said how good the city and Mr. Sawyer is but the department heads also help make this city what it is and the city council should be proud of every single department head the city has. Mr. Crawford and his department spent 20 hours in that weather and it should not amaze her but it does. Councilperson Johnson stated for a small town the city is enriched with so many great people. She further stated she is personally honored to be able to fulfill the rest of Larry Runyan's term and it is odd not having him here but she hopes she will do a good job in his eyes.

Councilperson Hall stated she was glad to be on the council and she hopes she can do a good job for everybody.

Mayor Corey congratulated everyone who was elected. He thanked Mr. Sanderson for his kind words and advised everyone has disputes at one time or another but usually out of disputes or disagreements come productivity. There is no reason that the council cannot dispute with each other in a formal setting and walk away as friends and he thought everyone was able to do that and he appreciated Mr. Sanderson's service.

Mr. Sanderson stated Larry Runyan was a big part of everything that happened to the city during the last four years and he will be sorely missed by the council and by the city.

Mayor Corey thanked the ambulance service for keeping “We will remember you Larry” on their sign. Councilperson Mehig asked why the picture of Mr. Runyan was on one of the council room walls because he thought it was pretty impressive. Mayor Corey advised it is for a city project. He further advised he is looking forward to working with the city council during the next two years and he hopes the city council will continue to make progress in the city.

Councilperson Johnson advised she wished Mr. Ockerman would have stayed to listen to the audit presentation because he could have gotten a lot of his comments answered. Hopefully, Mr. Ockerman will come in to city hall or look at the website to review the audit.

Mayor Corey stated the city council as well as the people in city hall are here to answer questions. If anyone has a question, he and the council are more than willing to have people call them at home to get information. He further stated Mr. Sawyer has put an incredible amount of information on the website for those who have computers. Mayor Corey also stated the council is more than willing to listen to the citizens but during the last four years he can count the number of phone calls he got at home on one hand.

ADJOURN: Jessen moved, Johnson seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Hall, Mehig, Spring, Johnson, Jessen.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:50 p.m.

STEVE COREY, MAYOR

NICHOLE COWDREY, CITY CLERK/TREASURER